

IV. Provided also, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to empower any Sheriff to levy by virtue of any *Fieri Facias*, for any Debt or Damage recovered against any Executor or Administrators, any Negro or other Slave, Plate or Jewels reserved in Favour of Orphans, by the Act for better Administration of Justice in Probate of Wills and granting Administrations, &c. but that the Sheriffs shall be, and are hereby obliged to follow the Directions of that Act, touching such Negroes and Slaves, Plate and Jewels; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XVI.
But no Slaves, Plate, or Jewels shall be seized in the Hands of an Executor, &c. contrary to the Act of 1715, ch. 39.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XVII.

An Act empowering a Committee to lay, assess, and apportion the Public Levy for this present Year Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 338. Passed 10th August 1716.

C H A P. XVIII.

An Act to make firm and valid in Law, a Sale of Land made by Joseph Bridger, Esq; late of the Colony of Virginia, deceased, to Thomas Jones, of Somerset County, deceased. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 339. PR. Ditto.

C H A P. XIX.

An Act to confirm his Lordship's Acceptance of the Eighteen Pence per Hogshead, formerly raised *. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 344. Ditto.
* Viz. by 1715, ch. 9.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT permitting the Inhabitants of this Province, to sue out Writs when Plaintiffs, and appear and give Judgment when Defendants, in the several Courts thereof in their own proper Persons. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 345. Ditto.

FORASMUCH as it has been represented to this General Assembly, as a great Aggrievance, that the several Inhabitants of this Province are not permitted to sue out Writs when Plaintiffs, or to appear and confess Judgment, when Defendants, in the several Courts thereof; but are in some Courts obliged to employ Attorneys to do it for them, which creates an unnecessary Charge;

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, within this Province, to order out Process in their own proper Names, without any Titling from an Attorney for the same, and the several and respective Clerks of the several Offices of the Provincial and County Courts of this Province, are hereby obliged upon Application to them made by any Person or Persons as aforesaid, to issue such Writs as shall be by them demanded, the Party or Parties suing out the same, if Non-Residents within this Province, securing to the Secretary, or the Clerks of the several County Courts, and all other Officers, their lawful Fees: And that any Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall hereafter be sued or impleaded in the Provincial Court, or any of the County Courts within this Province, shall and may in his or their own proper Persons come into Court, and after Special Bail by him or them given, if adjudged so to do, to appear and imparle 'till next Court, or to confess Judgment, to any Action or Actions, in any of the Courts aforesaid, commenced against him, her, or them; any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Any Persons may order out Process in their own Names, without any Titling from an Attorney,

the Parties, if Non-Residents, securing the Fees.

Defendant may come into Court, in Person, and imparle, &c.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.